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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:
EINAV ET AL.

Confirmation Number: 6393

Application No.: 10/676,148

Group Art Unit: 3727

Filed: October 2, 2003

Examiner: Merek, Joseph C.

Title: TOOLBOX WITH HANDLE HAVING COVER LOCKING MECHANISM

JUNE 23, 2006

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In light of the telephonic Examiner Interview of June 20, 2006, please enter the following Interview Summary into the Official File of the above-identified application.

SUMMARY

In the telephonic Examiner Interview of June 20, 2006 ("the 6/20/2006 Interview"), the Examiner related to Applicants' representative that the Amendment after final rejection that was filed February 3, 2006 ("the 2/3/2006 Amendment") would be entered. Thus, the case would not be considered abandoned even though the sixth month statutory period from the date of the final rejection (mailed December 20, 2005) would expire as of June 21, 2006. However, since the filing of the 2/3/2006 Amendment, the Examiner has become aware of a previously undiscovered reference that, in the view of the Examiner, anticipates independent claim 3. In light of this newly discovered reference, the Examiner offered to cancel claim 3 and its dependents so that the remaining claims could proceed to issue. Applicants' representative declined this offer and requested that the Examiner instead re-open prosecution and generate an Office Action applying the newly discovered reference in a rejection of claims 3 and its dependents. Accordingly, Applicants currently await the aforementioned Office Action, and will respond appropriately upon its receipt.

CONCLUSION

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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